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## Notes and Comments.

Do NOT forget the 3000 mark.

LET every member of the Brethren church use every legitimate effort to swell the subscription list of the EVANGELIST to 3000.

WATER from the river Jordan is to be sold in bottles. The sole object of this enterprise is to make money out of a perversion of religious feeling, and for this very reason, all religious people should withhold their patronage from the enterprise.

THE Pope has issued a pastoral letter advocating the reunion of Christendom. The "reunion of Christendom," is a worthy object to labor for, but a reunion that makes Roman Catholics of all Christendom, is not so desirable. In his letter to the Pope, Dr. Parker of London uses the following plain language:

"Were this a personal matter, I could hardly forgive myself for seeking to approach a presence so august and venerable. But, inasmuch as you have appealed to all sections upon the questions which affect the standing of the soul before God, I have emboldened myself to bear witness to the headship of the blessed Christ, and to decline communion with any man or church that would officially or prescriptively come between me and my Saviour."

IN the *New England Magazine*, Edwin D. Mead writes that on the corner stone of the church recently erected in a little village near the Catskills, by members of the Gould family, are inscribed these words: "To the glory of God and in memory of Jay Gould." Below this inscription, might very appropriately be placed the modern version of the Scripture, Luke 16: 13: "Ye can serve God and mammon."

ON the witness stand, in Washington, D. C., a few days ago, a Romish priest was asked why he performed the marriage ceremony for a woman who already had two men, and no license for a third, said he married the couple by a dispensation from Cardinal Gibbons, and calmly added: "There are certain enactments of the church that overrule law." This shows the spirit of Romanism, and should fill every law abiding citizen with indignation. Let that priest be given a place in a penitentiary, where on bread and water, he may have opportunity to dismiss from his mind the notion that his ecclesiasticism is bigger than this government.

A UNIQUE installation service took place a short time ago, when the Congregational church at Littleton, Mass., installed in its pastorate, Mrs. Amelia B. Frost. She succeeds her husband, who resigned on account of ill health. When Mr. Frost's health obliged him to take a leave of absence, his wife supplied the pulpit, and her services were so acceptable, that upon his resignation, she was invited to take his place. Mrs. Frost was ordained by an ecclesiastical council, and now performs all the minister's duties. She is the first woman ever installed in a New England pulpit. Surely we are progressing in the right direction. What a help to a minister when his wife is able to supply the pulpit in his absence. By the way, those of our young ministers who have not yet made choice of a companion will do well to give this matter serious thought.

ORGANIZATION of church forces is required to accomplish anything great in this day of advancement, but we must never forget that the one organization that demands our attention above all others is the church in which we hold our membership. The fact that you are a member of the Sabbath-school, the King's Children Society, the S. S. C. E., does not lessen, but *increase* your obligations to the church. Membership in these various organizations, affords an opportunity for spiritual development, and with this come increased responsibilities and duties. Do not forget that these Societies are but branches of church work, out-growths of the one grand organization, the Christian church, which overshadows them all. There is no organization in existence that can in any way take the place of the church, and membership in no other organization, will exempt one from being a member of the Christian church. On this subject an *exchange* speaks pointedly as follows:

"People who in this age of organization do not belong to a half dozen societies imagine they are under no special obligations to do right. Do they not know that their certificate of church membership means more than all the pledges and constitutions of all the societies of Christendom? The Christian church of whatever denomination is after all the original and only Christian Endeavor Society, Temperance Union, Social Purity Organization and Prohibition Party."

IN the course of a recent conversation a big New York brewer said, "The church people can down us when they try and we know it. Our hope is working after they get tired; and continuing to work 365 days in the year." It is a shame that Christian professors should "get tired," and work less than 365 days in a year. If it is true that the church *can* down the saloon, then it *ought* to down the saloon. What the church *can* do, it *ought* to do,—*must* do or it will not be done. God will not do for us what we can do for ourselves. It is folly to ask God in our prayer to destroy the saloon. Let us pray for true hearted Christians, who know the right, and are not afraid to do it, who *vote* as they pray.